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Title: PREPARATION OF COMPOSITE HIGH-K/STANDARD-K DIELECTRICS FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 24, 2004****VIA FACSIMILE**

M/S Non-Fee Amendment
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Sir:

The present Reply is filed as a complete response to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2004, for which a three month time for reply was set. Accordingly, Applicant's Reply is timely filed. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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Docket No: G0533Serial No. 10/656,470**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 6-8, to read as follows:

The present application is a division of and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 to copending U.S. Application No. 10/051,790, filed January 17, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. [[_____]] 6,645,882, issued November 11, 2003.